

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



2012: A Year in Review

CHARLOTTESVILLE TODAY

Charlottesville is a Great Place to Live,
Work and Enjoy

Highly Recognized

- One of the Most Walkable Cities in America
- Top Ten Cities for Well Being
- America's Smartest City
- Top Ten Beer Cities

Sound Financial Foundation (AAA Bond
Ratings)

Population – 44,000 (Estimated)

CHARLOTTESVILLE TODAY



Welcomed Councilors Galvin and Smith
Mayor Huja and Vice-Mayor Szakos Elected

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No Tax Rate Increases Despite Economic Pressures

High Quality Services



A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Official Visits



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Sister City Delegations:

- Poggio A Caiano
- Winneba
- Besancon

Additional Delegations:

- Mongolia
- Afghanistan

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City Council 2025 Vision

Economic Sustainability

A Center for Lifelong Learning

Quality Housing Opportunities for All

C'Ville Arts and Culture

A Green City

America's Healthiest City

A Connected Community

A Community of Mutual Respect

Smart, Citizen Focused Government

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Economic Sustainability

- Target Industry Study Completed
- Strategic Investment Area Designated
- Strategic Action Team Formed to Address Job Creation and Poverty
- Bank On Coordinator Hired
- Section 3 Policy Moves Forward

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Economic Sustainability

- Major New Developments
 - The Plaza on West Main Street Approved
 - Marriott Hotel Approved
 - Jefferson School City Center Completed
 - CFA Groundbreaking – 450 Jobs



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Economic Sustainability

- Market District Feasibility Study
- CACVB Marketing Plan for Visitors
- Downtown Mall Ambassadors Hired
- Support for the Community Investment Collaborative (CIC)

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Economic Sustainability

- Increased Support for Re-entry Efforts
- Job Fairs and Soft Skills Training

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Center for Lifelong Learning

- Continued Support for City Schools
 - Graduation Rates Up
 - Drop Out Rates Down
 - Test Scores are Up
- Established Youth Council
- Support for the Nationally Recognized City of Promise Initiative

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Quality Housing Opportunities for All
- The Crossings Opened – 60 Units



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Quality Housing Opportunities for All

- Continued Funding for AHIP Rehabilitation Projects
- Elliott Avenue Mixed Income Project Includes 20 Affordable Units
- Block by Block Program Housing Rehabilitation

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C'Ville Arts and Culture

- Celebrated Our 250th Anniversary
- Supports the Charlottesville Area Cultural Arts Planning Process
- Supports the Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center
- Supported a Variety of Festivals in the Community Including Book, Film and Photograph

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- Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan Adopted
- Meadowcreek Stream Restoration
- Stormwater Utility Committee
- 50 Year Water Supply Plan Adopted
- Energize!250 Energy Efficiency Audits

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- Decision to Proceed with Granular Activated Carbon Instead of Chloramines
- Purchase of New Parkland

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America's Healthiest City

- East McIntire Park Master Plan Design Concept Process
- Named One of the Most Walkable Cities in America
- Support of Walk, Bike, Play JPA Event

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America's Healthiest City

- Continued Support for Safe Routes to School Program
- New Playground at Tonsler Park
- Began Master Planning Process for Tonsler Park



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A Connected Community

- Transit Study Leading to Changes in CAT
- Reviewed and Updated the Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- Meadowcreek Parkway Under Construction
- Expansion of Trails in the City

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A Community of Mutual Respect

- Continued the Good Work of the Dialogue on Race
- Held Numerous Events Highlighting Our Shared and Diverse Cultures
- Established Human Rights Task Force
- Honorary Street Sign Program

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Smart, Citizen Focused Government

- Established the PLACE Design Task Force
- Established a Towing Advisory Board
- Neighborhood Meetings/Celebrate! 250 Events
- Increased the Living Wage

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Smart, Citizen Focused Government
- New Fire Station Construction Begins



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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Corridor Improvement Projects – West Main St., Cherry Ave., Preston Ave.
- Workforce Development
- Grow, Attract and Retain Skilled Jobs
- Improved Race Relations
- Improved Transit System

2013: A New Horizon

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013

- Stormwater Utility
- Schools Lab Space Funding
- Community Town Hall Meetings
- Landscape Design of East McIntire Park
- Coal Tower Site Redevelopment Begins
- Landmark Hotel Renovation Begins

2013: A New Horizon

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013

- Belmont Bridge Design
- Comprehensive Economic Action Plan
- Roll-out of City Performance Measurement Program (P3)
- Strategic Investment Area Plan

2013: A New Horizon

THANK YOU

State of the City Address